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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

In Support Of Conspicuously Labeling Irradiated Foods.

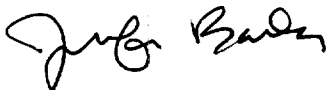
Please label irradiated food packages with bold letters and an informative sentence or two, declaring it's potentially reduced nutritional value. Sort of like truth in reporting. The average person should instantly gain a clear idea of what "irradiated" means to them - what they gain, what they forfeit.

Sample:

"Increased shelf life of this product is achieved by a method which may reduce the nutritional value of some foods."

As a country we have already taken technology to the point that our food has little enough nutrients. Please consider that further reducing the nutritional content of our food via irradiation for whatever purposes is a bad path for the future health of America. At least make sure the general public understands what they are partaking of.

Sincerely,

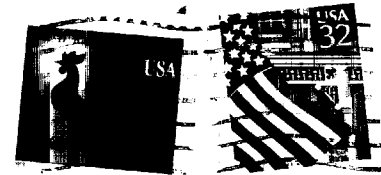
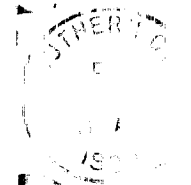


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